

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 2-3 with the following amended paragraph:

~~A~~ As an approach for inhibiting the decomposition of propylene carbonate (PC) on the surface of the carbonaceous material as negative electrode, a process involving the incorporation of ethylene carbonate or vinylene carbonate having phenyl group in the electrolyte was proposed in JP-A-11-354152 (the term "JP-A" as used herein means an unexamined published Japanese patent application). However, the incorporation of these compounds is disadvantageous in that the resulting electrolyte exhibits a lower electrical conductivity that deteriorates discharge performance or low-temperature performance.